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**ELECTRIC HEATING ELEMENT FOR HOT RUNNER SYSTEMS AND A METHOD FOR PRODUCING A HEATING ELEMENT OF THIS TYPE**

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